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EMPLOYMENT TO DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of physically and mentally disabled people are without any employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to launch special scheme to provide them gainful employment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(a) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) As per NSSO survey of 2002, the percentage of disabled persons seeking and/or available for work was 1.2% in urban areas and 0.6% in rural areas. The Government has launched a scheme to promote employment of disabled persons in private sector. The Scheme envisages payment of employer`s contribution to Employees Provident fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) for the first three years for providing employment to persons with disabilities. The benefit of the scheme is for the persons with monthly wages upto Rs.25,000/- per month. The scheme covers all persons with defined disabilities.